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Dear Orin:

For planning purposes I should like for you to know that I contemplate reassigning [redacted] to the London Bureau in the capacity of Chief Editor. We are trying to do some planning here on long-range staffing for London as well as other places. I regret very much to say, however, that it is going to be absolutely impossible to fill up your Table of Organization any time in the near future. The processing here in Washington is terrifically slow and we are just down to rock bottom in the Editorial Division, with replacements coming through at a snail's pace. For some time to come it appears that we will all have to suffer the consequences of slow clearances and processing.

I would like for you to know the circumstances which brought about my decision to reassign [redacted] to London. I have not mentioned our discussions to him and so far as I know he had no idea that his reassignment to London was being considered. A few days ago he came in and requested such an assignment and said that he wanted me to understand and you to understand that if his request was favorably considered he would be perfectly happy to work in London under your direction, despite the fact that he had formerly held your position.

[redacted] has done a fine job here for us heading up our Russian Section and is, I believe, better qualified for your Chief Editor than anyone you have in London. I will let you know as soon as I am sure of his date of arrival.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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